



CITY OF SEQUIM

News

November 2013



Meeting Dates & Locations

City Council Regular Meeting Transit Center	2nd & 4th Monday 6:00 p.m.
City Council Study Session Transit Center (when required)	2nd & 4th Monday 5:00 p.m.
Planning Commission Transit Center	Tuesday, November 19 6:00 p.m.
Parks and Recreation Board PW—615 N. 5th Ave.	2nd Tuesday 6:30 p.m.
Lodging Tax Advisory Comm. Transit Center Conf. Room	Quarterly—Next Meeting December 13 10:00 a.m.

City Council Reviews 2014 Budget

The 2014 Proposed Annual Budget was presented to the Sequim City Council at a Special Meeting on September 30, 2013.

The budget is the proposed financial plan for the upcoming calendar year and is focused on the maintenance of current service levels within the constraints of the City resources. The proposed budget reflects balanced revenues and expenses in the General Fund and maintains reserve levels within the adopted fund balance policies.

The capital budget shows a significant increase because it includes the construction of the new City Hall/Police Station facility, the major capital project for 2014. The New City Hall/Police Station will be paid for by \$10.5 million in bond funds and \$5 million from savings that have been set aside for this purpose for several years.

Based on the 2013 commissioned water and sewer master plan update, the proposed 2014 budget includes a 4% rate increase for sewer and water rates, which would translate to \$1.09 per month for the average water customers and \$2.21 per month for the average sewer customers. A sub-committee of the City Council is reviewing the proposed utility rate increase in consideration of a new recommended utility rate structure. The sub-committee is expected to come back to the full City Council with a recommendation on utility rates. The budget proposes the continuation of a low income discount policy which reduces utility bills for those who qualify. The budget also proposes the 1% property tax increase allowed by law.

Opposite are charts that display where the City revenue comes from and how the monies are distributed through City departments.

The City Council will continue to review the budget through November and citizens are encouraged to attend those sessions. To review the proposed budget online, go to www.sequimwa.gov.

City Website: www.sequimwa.gov

Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Public Hearings

November 12—1) Revenue Sources: Fee Ordinance, Utility Rates & Property Tax Levy; 2) 2013 Final Budget Amendments; 3) 2014 Budget

November 25—1) Adopt 2014 Budget

Special Joint Meeting—November 4

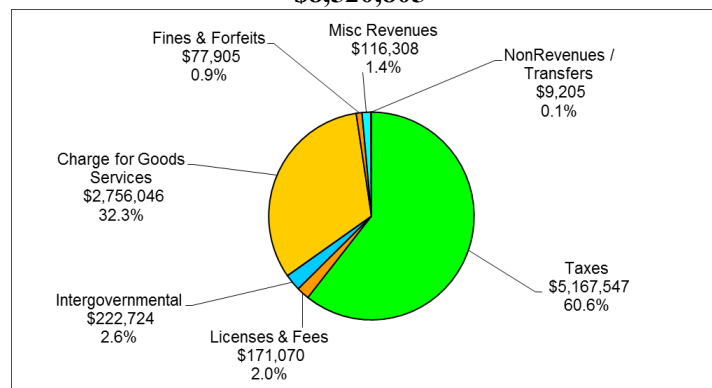
City Council & Planning Commission
5:00 p.m.

City Offices Will be Closed on

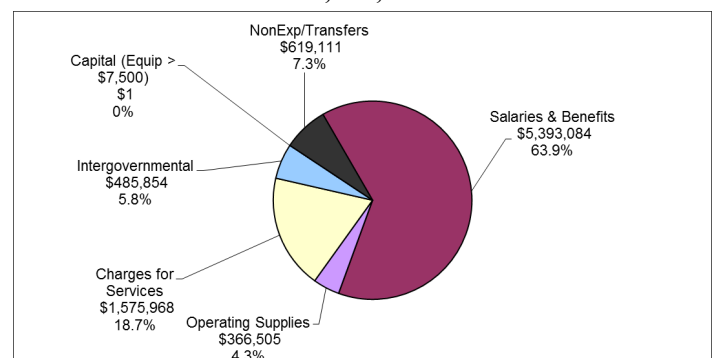
Monday, November 11

In observation of Veteran's Day and
Thursday & Friday, November 28 & 29
For the Thanksgiving Holiday

General Fund Revenues—Total Revenues \$8,520,805



General Fund Expenses—Total Expenses \$8,440,523



Budget Calendar

November 12—2014 Public Hearing on Property Tax, Revenues, Fees, and Utility Rates

November 25—City Council Adopts 2014 Budget & Property Tax Levy, Revenues, Fees & Utility Rates

Telephone: 360-683-4139



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Prepare Your Pipes for Fall and Winter

Winterize your outside water connections.



Unhook any attached hoses from outdoor taps and drain any remaining water from the hose. Cover the taps with a Styrofoam connector to help prevent freezing.

If you have pipes that are not underground, disconnect them from the water source if possible. If disconnecting them is not possible, put insulation on or over the exposed piping.

Going out-of-town for a couple months?

If you live in Sequim city limits and are on City water, consider having your water shut-off at the meter by the City. There's a one-time charge of \$40.00 (rate through December 2013). You would only be billed a stand-by fee of \$22.22 for water and \$22.22 for sewer (rates through December 2013) per month.

You will need to come into City Hall and sign paperwork to have your water turned off.

After the meter has been shut-off, there may still be water in the lines. Turn a faucet on until no remaining water comes through, then turn off the faucet. If possible, turn off the water tap coming into the house, if you have one.

When you are ready to return, call Sequim City Hall at 360-683-4139 at least two (2) business days prior to your arrival to have the water turned on.

Doing any of these things may help save you money and give you peace of mind.



"Coffee with the Mayor"

Sequim residents can meet informally with Sequim City Mayor Ken Hays on Thursdays, November 7 & 21 at Rainshadow Coffee Roasting Company, 157 W. Cedar Street at 8:00 a.m. The Mayor will be at a different published location each month, along with a notepad to take notes, to listen to anyone who wants to chat, ask questions, express a concern, or make a comment about the City or the community.

Please contact Ken Hays at (360) 460-6231 or khays@sequimwa.gov with questions.



Please bring non-perishable food items for the Sequim Food Bank to any public meeting at the Transit Center.

Pooling Water in the Streets? We Need Your Photographs and Videos

You can help with the Stormwater Management Needs Assessment project by sending us your photographs and videos of problem areas. If you see flooding or water pooling in the streets, send your images with the location, date and time the image was taken, and your contact information to Ann Soule at asoule@sequimwa.gov. Contact Ann at 582-2436 with questions. To learn more about the project visit <http://www.sequimwa.gov/index.aspx?NID=560>



Sequim 120 Program Set to Resume

Help Prepare for the Next 3,000 Residents

Join fellow citizens the week of November 16-22 to plan the future of your neighborhood and community. Last year, the City Council adopted the Sequim 120 Vision that expresses big ideas for our future. It begins, "Sequim will continue to grow and develop as the thriving activity center and civic/cultural heart of the Sequim-Dungeness Valley while maintaining our friendliness, lifestyles, "small-town" convenience, and overall high quality of life."

How do we achieve this Vision with 40% projected growth in 20 years? How can development contribute to walkability, friendliness, places for families and new jobs? Participants in the mid-November workshops will evaluate growth alternatives, consider land use changes, and propose desired features for Sequim and its neighborhoods.

To participate, watch for more information on the City's website <http://www.sequimwa.gov/>, in local newspapers and on City public notice signs along major arterials. To receive direct notice of these and future activities, email sequim120@sequimwa.gov or call the project hotline at (360) 582-2448.

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- Sequim Centennial Government
- Sequim Tourism Government